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THE COBRA KEPT PUMPING LEAD INTO BENNY WOLF. TOO MUCH LEAD, BECAUSE WHEN HE DREW A BEAD ON ZOPPY HILLMAN...

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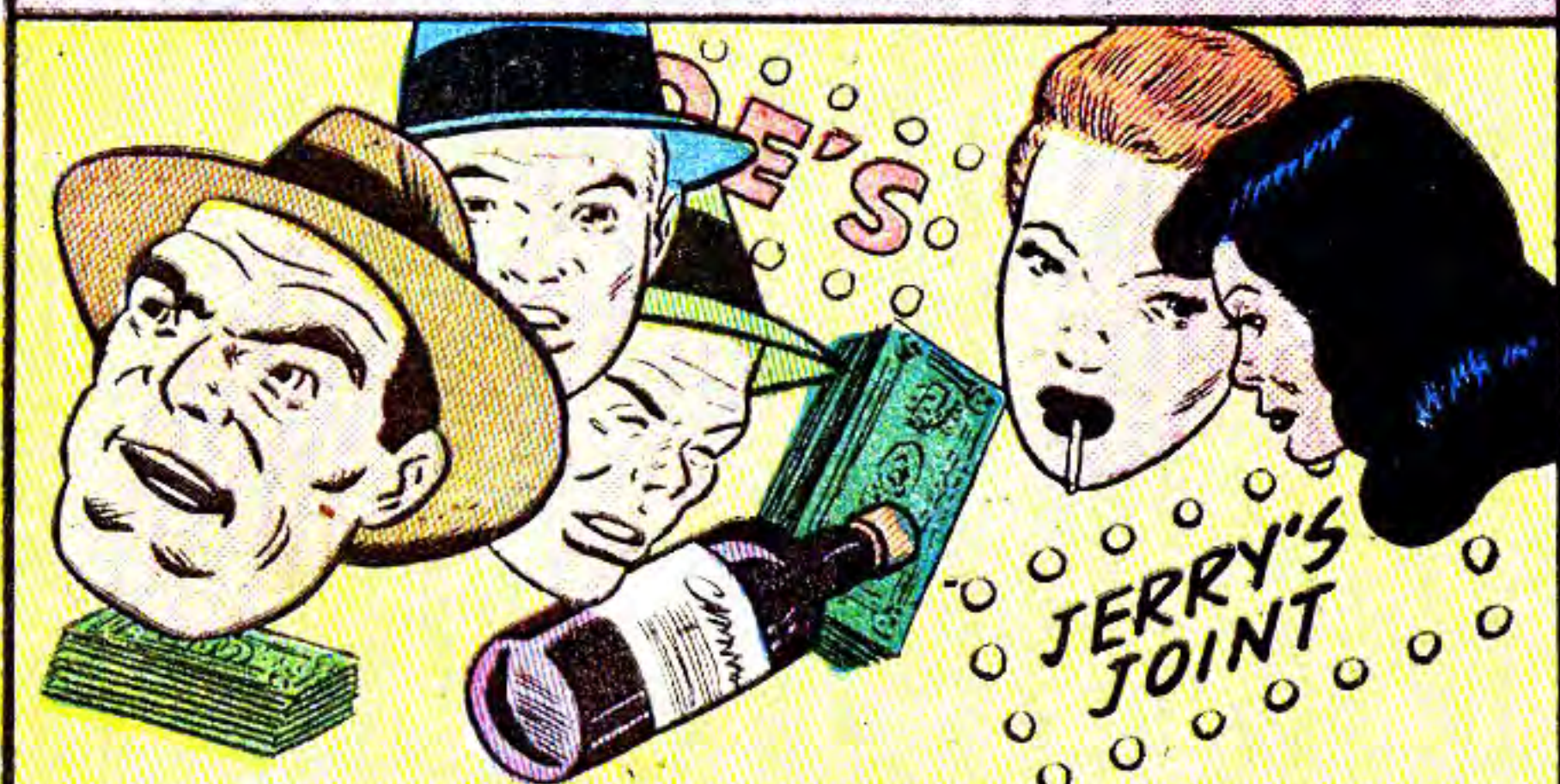


AFTER SEEING HIS KID BROTHER CUT DOWN, ZOPPY BROKE THE UNDERWORLD CODE AND WENT TO THE POLICE...

I DON'T CARE, COPPERS! PUT ME IN STIR FOR LIFE! BUT GET THE COBRA AND I'LL FACE HIM IN COURT! HE KILLED BENNY WOLF AND... P-PETE!



IT WAS AFTER THE POLICE FOUND THE COUNTERFEIT BILLS IN BENNY WOLF'S HOUSE THAT THEY NOTIFIED OUR OFFICE. IT WAS MY FIRST BREAK. IT PUT THE FINGER ON THE COBRA. WHAT FOLLOWS HERE, I LEARNED LATER...



THE COBRA OPENED UP IN A NEW FIELD, WITH TWO NEW DEALERS, GUS STIEN AND FRISCO KANE.

THE NEW DEALERS HAD A YEN FOR GIRLS AND THEY BEGAN FLASHING THEIR DOUGH AROUND.

PHONY CURRENCY BEGAN SHOWING UP IN THE EAST. ON MONDAY, MARCH 17TH, 1952, I ARRIVED IN NEW YORK. THAT VERY DAY AT 6 P.M. A CONVERSATION WAS TAKING PLACE IN ANOTHER EASTERN CITY...

YOU TWO LET THE DAMES ALONE AND KEEP YOUR DOUGH HIDDEN!

WHAT'S A MATTA COBRA? WHO'S GONNA FIND OUT?



THE COBRA LOOKED COLDLY AT THE TWO MEN FOR A MINUTE. THEN HE SAID, 'WE GOT SOME BUSINESS. I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOME NEW STUFF.' THE TWO MEN WENT WITH THE COBRA...

THERE IT IS, BOYS. BETTER THAN THE LAST. WE'RE GONNA STASH SOME AWAY. YOU MIGHT AS WELL COME ALONG AND SEE WHERE.

OKAY, COBRA.



OUTSIDE...

YOU DRIVE FRISCO. WE'LL TELL YOU WHERE TO GO. GUS GETS IN THE FRONT. I GOT THINGS TO TALK OVER WITH JOEY TUSK.

YEAH, SURE.

